

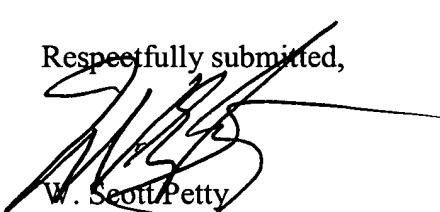
REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-7, 9-20, and 22 are pending in the present application, with Claim 1 being independent. Applicant has canceled Claims 8, 21, and 23 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added.

The Amendments made herein conform the claims of this application to the claims of the corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/CA05/01792 (the "PCT Application"), for which a favorable patentability determination has been made. Applicant presents the claim amendments and cancellations herein to allow a patent to issue for the subject matter found allowable in the PCT Application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the original claims in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the patent application is in condition for examination and requests such action. If any issues remain that can be resolved by telephone, please contact the undersigned at (404) 572-2888.

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